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SUBJ: FIRST QUARTER MEAT EXPORTS AND MYSTERY

SALE ANNOUNCED

REF: A) MVD 1445 (MAY 30, 1974) B) MVD 2225 (AUG 8, 1974)

1. ON APRIL 3 NATIONAL MEAT NSTITUTE (INAC) SPOKESMAN
ANNOUNCED SALE OF 5,000 MT OF BONELESS BEEF CUTS TO AN
UNSPECIFIED BUYER AT AN UNSPECIFIED PRICE.

2. IT WAS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT FIRST QUARTER MEAT EXPORTS
(BEEF, MUTTON, HORSMEAT) TOTALED 16,328 MT VALUED AT
\$18.5 MILLION. THIS REPRESENTS A REDUCTION OF 42 PERCENT IN
EXPORT VOLUME AND 61 PERCENT IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE INFLOWS COMPARED
WITH 1974. IF, HOWEVER, THE 1971-1974 FIRST QUARTER AVERAGE
IS TAKEN AS A BASE, 1975 EXPORT RESULTS REPRESENT A 51 PERCENT DECLINE

IN VOLUME AND A 46 PERCENT DROP IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE INFLOW.

3. COMMENT: URUGUAY'S FIRST QUARTER BEEF EXPORTS WERE
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COMPRISED OF CONTRACTS FOR 8,000 MT TO GREECE, 2,500 MT

TO ISRAEL AND SMALL SPOT SALES OF BONELESS CUTS TO EEC
COUNTRIES AND SPAIN. WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY ADDITIONAL FIRM
EXPORT CONTRACTS FOR THE REMAINDER OF 1975 WHICH EXIST AT THIS TIME.
POSSIBLE SUBSTANTIAL SOVIET PURCHASE REMAINS PENDING SINCE WE HAVE NO
FIRM INFORMATION AS YET THAT DEAL ACTUALLY CONCLUDED DURING RECENT
VISIT OF SOVIET TEAM.

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